

Dear Governor Huntsman,

I would like to express my continued concern over the possibility of the Divine Strake Bomb Test taking place in Nevada.

I am especially worried about the chance that past radioactive materials, still in the ground, could be stirred up into the atmosphere and again come downwind to Utah and other areas. The people of Southern Utah suffered greatly from past tests of this kind which took lives, damaged health and the environment. I feel that the only way to avoid repetition of the above disasters is not to have any more tests.

Pentagon budget documents originally stated that information from the above test would help war planners use the smallest possible nuclear weapon to destroy a buried target. Later officials said that the word "nuclear" was a mistake. Many of us reasonably fear that Divine Strake will lead to a new round of nuclear tests. The U.S. will thus set a bad example when we are trying to push nuclear non-proliferation throughout the world. How do we expect other nations, especially Iran and North Korea, to respect our sincerity?

The fears and doubts engendered by Divine Strake could motivate other nations to initiate or further develop their own nuclear or biological programs. There is so much tension and violence in the world today. This test can exacerbate this situation with possible disastrous consequences for humanity.

The U.S. is the only military super power. It's military and nuclear capabilities are awesome and unchallenged. How much more security will we gain from this test? Is it worth it? I believe we have little to gain and so much to lose. What we can lose is the respect of other nations and the battle to win the hearts and minds of people throughout the world.

Therefore, the practical and reasonable thing to do is to cancel Divine Strake altogether!

OS. what is the real intent of this test? It is known that we don't have an aircraft or missile which can lift or deliver a 700 ton (1,400,000 lb) weapon. Therefore it is obvious that Divine Strake is designed to simulate the explosive force of a low yield nuclear weapon. Many of us fear that this will lead to more nuclear tests and the possible use of nuclear weapons. This can have horrible possibilities.

sincerely,  
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